

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of Project for Comprehensive Development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS for providing CC roads and drains in Suddapalli SC Colony of Peddamudium Mandal in Y.S.R.Kadapa District – Charge framed – Not proved in the inquiry report – Disagreement factors communicated - Explanation received – Examined and Rejected - Imposing a punishment of stoppage of one (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against Sri T.Gopal Das, Dy.EE, V&QC Sub-Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa District – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 786

Dated: 09-10-2025

Read the following:

- 1.Vigilance Report No.66, dated 25.07.2017 of DG, V&E.
- 2.G.O.Rt.No.475, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 15.05.2018.
- 3.G.O.Rt.No.480, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 15.05.2018.
- 4.WSD, dated 26.11.2018 of Sri T.Gopal Das, Dy.EE, V&QC Sub- Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR District.
- 5.G.O.Rt.No.359, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.10.05.2019.
- 6.Lr.No.SA1/V&E cases/Suddapalli/2019, dated.05.09.2023 of Inquiring Authority.
- 7.Govt. Memo No.8215(C.No.283878)/Vig.II/2017-4, dt.20.02.2025.
- 8.Representation, dt.03.05.2025 of Sri T.Gopal Das, Dy.EE, V&QC Sub-Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa District.

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement on the allegation of irregularities in execution of Project for Comprehensive Development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS for providing CC roads and drains in Suddapalli SC Colony of Peddamudium Mandal in Y.S.R.Kadapa District , has recommended for disciplinary action against Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa District among others.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa District and four (4) others under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly framing the following articles of charge against him under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his written statement of defense vide G.O. 3rd read above:-

Charge:

That Sri T.Gopal Das, Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa District has committed grave irregularities in execution of project for comprehensive development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS for “providing CC Roads and Drains in Suddapalli SC Colony of Peddamudium Mandal in YSR Kadapa District” and caused loss to the Government exchequer to a tune of Rs.11,40,983/- in as much as he:-

- i. Failed to discharge his legitimate duties regarding assessment of quality by way of conducting core testing as per section 903.5.2.1 of MoRTH and simply issued Quality Control certificate stating that the measurements were tallying and mentioned in foot note that the test results of CC cubes cast during execution were not submitted by the field officers for assessing the strength of CC pavement, resulting in payment for substandard quality of work and ultimately caused loss of Rs.11,40,983/- to Government exchequer.
- ii. Being quality assurance staff, he has not insisted for mix design report.

Thus, Sri T.Gopal Das, Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa by his above mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity, not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant, in contravention of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defense and the same has been examined and found not convincing and decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the G.O. 5th read above, Government appointed the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, as Inquiring Authority under Rule 20(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charge framed against the charged officer, Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa District and four (4) other co-charged officers involved in the case.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa District and four (4) other co-charged officers, as not proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government have furnished a copy of inquiry report together with the following disagreement factors to the charged officer, Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa District, as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his representation, if any, within (10) days for taking further necessary action in the matter:-

i. The role of Quality Control team is to inspect the work and to conduct tests on the road executed to ascertain quality of its execution. But, the Quality Control team have failed to do so and they have simply issued Quality Control certificate evading their basic responsibility of conducting tests on the works.

ii. Further, in case the field Engineers failed to produce relevant records, then the Quality Control team could have reported the matter to higher authorities fixing responsibility on the field engineers. But, they failed to do so. Hence, Quality Control team are responsible.

6. In the reference 8th read above, Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa District has stated that as per Memo No.QC1/Mtc of Labs/0.5%QC Charges/2015-16, dated.09.06.2015 of Chief Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control (PR), Hyderabad, for the purpose of core cutting of C.C. Pavements Rs.1.00 Lakh is proposed and instructed to the Executive Engineers, Vigilance & Quality Control in the state to engage private agencies (the copies are enclosed). Prior to this memo Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Divisions have not supplied or provided any equipment or apparatus for conducting field tests like cement concrete core tests etc. The field engineers normally produce the relevant records to the Quality Control team, but because of the end of financial year i.e., 2013 (March) and MGNREGS Grant would be lapsed by 31st March under much pressure the works were inspected and issued QC certificates as per the normal procedure adopted at that time and this factor also considered by the Inquiry Authority and the charge is not held as proved against him. After lot of deliberations, discussions and representations from various public representatives and Engineering Associations of the Panchayat Raj Department, as there was no concept of design mix for laying of C.C. Pavements and only nominal mix of VCC (1:2:4) equivalent to M20 Mix (Cement: Fine Aggregate: Course Aggregate) 125mm thick would be enough and sufficient for all internal roads executed under MGNREGS Grant Government vide Memo No.1073/Progs.1/2016-2, dated 28.01.2016 issued orders allowing M20 grade in C.C.Roads and though the works in question were executed prior to the instructions, but the works are inspected by the V&E officials and report submitted to the Government after the above memo issued by the Government, as such there is no question of insisting for mix design report arises at that time of inspections. Hence, he has requested to consider the findings of the Inquiry Authority and drop the charges framed against him.

7. After careful examination the matter, Government hereby impose a punishment of stoppage of one (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against the charged officer, Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa District and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Proddatur, YSR Kadapa District under Rule 9(iv) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in this disciplinary matter.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, is requested to take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri T.Gopal Das, Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Proddatur, YSR Kadapa District. Through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada with a request to serve the same on the CO and furnish the acknowledgement copy to the Government.

Copy to:

The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.

The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Dept., A.P., Vijayawada.

The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.I) Department.

The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR, RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.

The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Dept.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.

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